The Marvel Family

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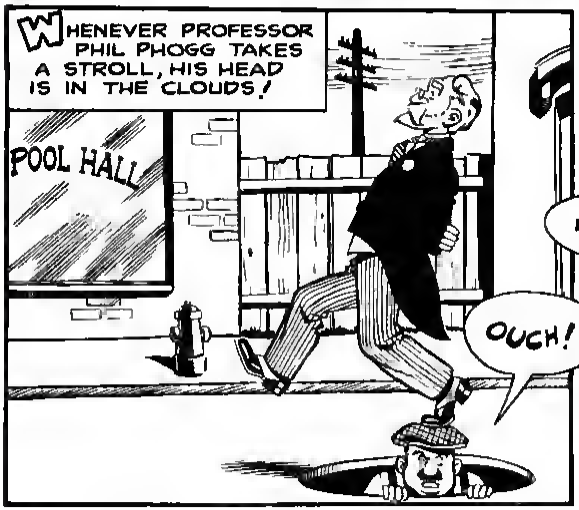
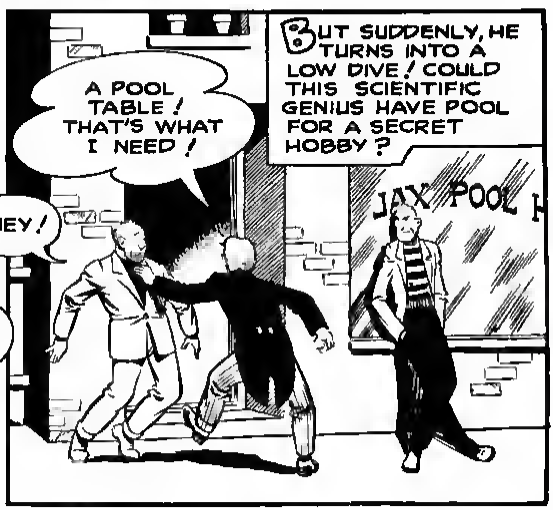
THE MARVEL FAMILY

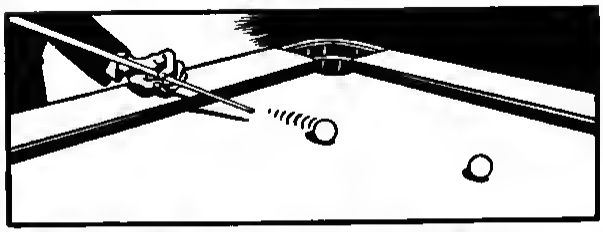
BATTLES MR. POWER

WHAM! SOCK! BIFF

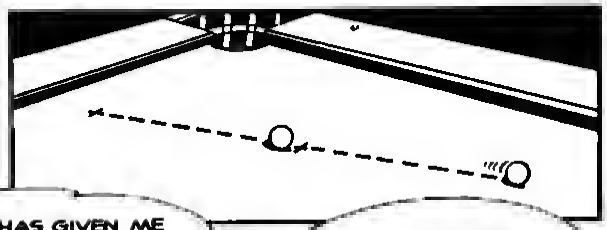
HOLY MOLEY! EVERY TIME WE HIT HIM, HE SEEMS TO GET STRONGER!

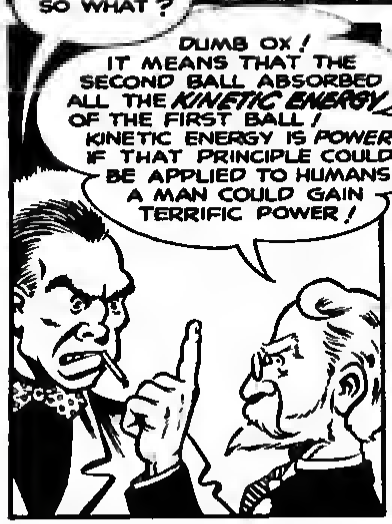


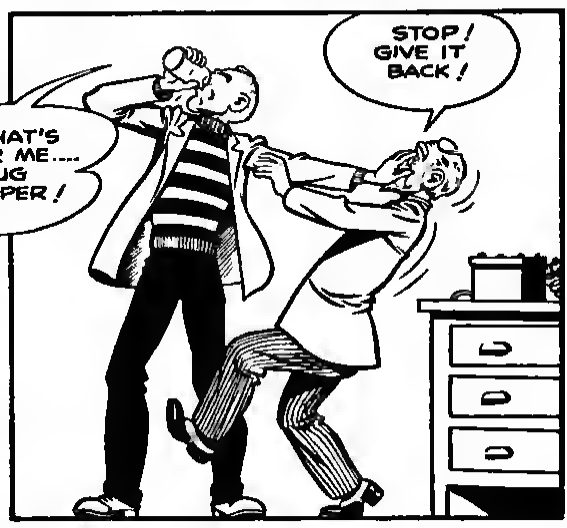




"SEE ? WHEN ONE BALL IS HIT AGAINST ANOTHER, SQUARELY, THE FIRST BALL STOPS DEAD, AND THE SECOND BALL *MOVES* !"







OUTTA MY WAY, PIPSQUEAK!
BAM!

THE PROF SAID THAT STUFF WOULD MAKE A GUY REAL POWERFUL! LET'S SEE...HOW CAN I FIND OUT....

I KNOW! I'LL SOCK THIS COP!
OOF!
WHACK

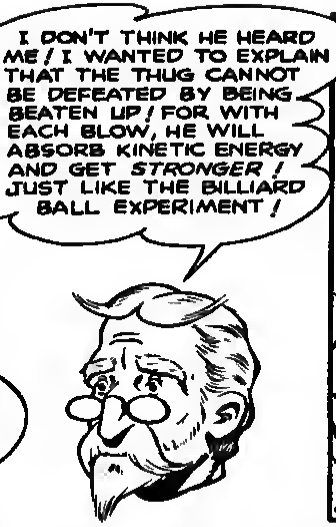
HUH? HE DIDN'T EVEN FALL! THE STUFF'S NO GOOD! I'M NOT ANY STRONGER THAN I WAS BEFORE!
WELL, WELL, JUG JASPER! I THOUGHT YOU WERE KEEPING OUT OF TROUBLE!

WAP!
BOP!
WELL, YOU ASKED FOR IT!
GROAN! WHY DID I LISTEN TO THAT CRACKPOT PROF? ALL I'LL GET OUTTA THIS IS A HEADACHE AND JAIL!

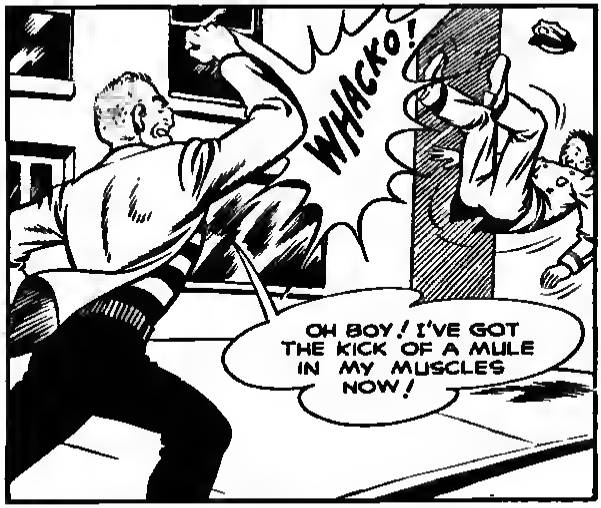
MEANWHILE, BILLY BATSON, BOY NEWSCASTER OF STATION WHIZ, HAS CALLED ON THE SCIENTIST.....
I CAME FOR AN INTERVIEW, PROFESSOR PHOGG....HEY! WHAT HAPPENED? WHO DID THIS?

A THUG CALLED JUG JASPER! HE DRANK A NEW SOLUTION OF MINE! IT WILL GIVE HIM TERRIFIC POWER!
WHICH WAY DID HE GO?

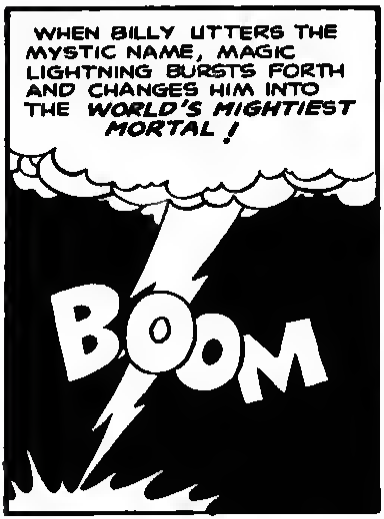
MAYBE HE'S STILL IN SIGHT! I'LL GO AFTER HIM!
BUT BE CAREFUL, SON! BY NOW HE MAY BE LOADED WITH POWER!


I DON'T THINK HE HEARD ME! I WANTED TO EXPLAIN THAT THE THUG CANNOT BE DEFEATED BY BEING BEATEN UP! FOR WITH EACH BLOW, HE WILL ABSORB KINETIC ENERGY AND GET *STRONGER*! JUST LIKE THE BILLIARD BALL EXPERIMENT!

AND MEANWHILE, TRUE TO THE SCIENTIST'S WORDS....
GOSH! IT'S FUNNY, BUT I FEEL LIKE I'M GETTING *STRONGER* ALL THE TIME, INSTEAD OF WEAKER!
BIFF!

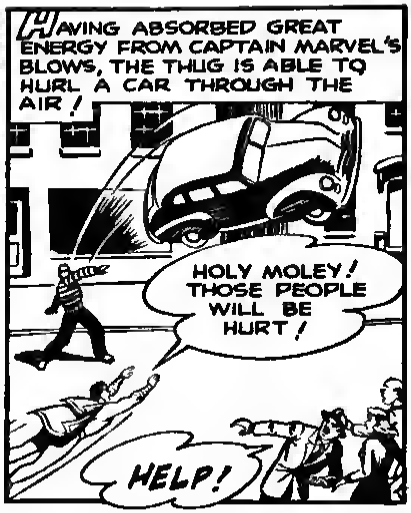

WHACKO!
OH BOY! I'VE GOT THE KICK OF A MULE IN MY MUSCLES NOW!

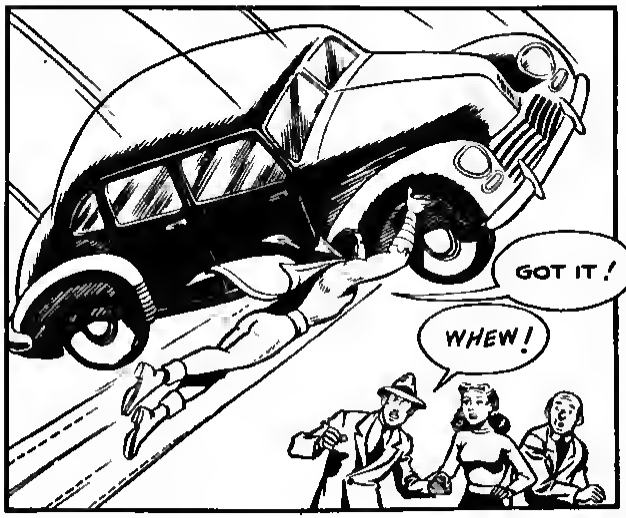
THE PROF'S SOLUTION WORKED AFTER ALL! I CAN LICK ANY COP NOW!
THERE HE IS! *SHAZAM!*

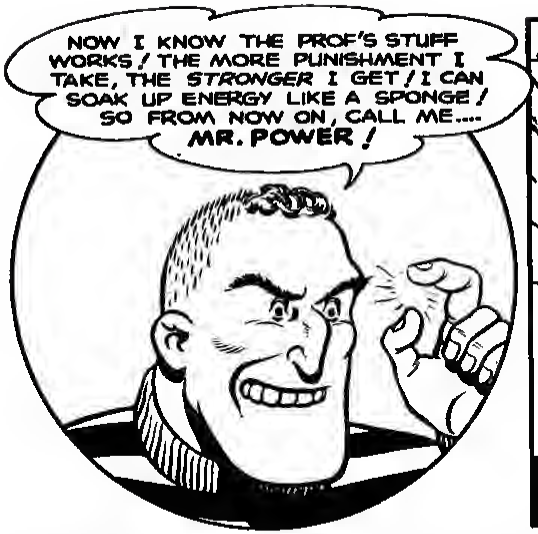

WHEN BILLY UTTERS THE MYSTIC NAME, MAGIC LIGHTNING BURSTS FORTH AND CHANGES HIM INTO THE *WORLD'S MIGHTIEST MORTAL!*
BOOM

MAYBE YOU CAN LICK ANY POLICEMAN, BUT TRY ME!
WHAMMO!

BECAUSE BILLY FAILED TO HEAR THE PROFESSOR'S EXPLANATION, CAPTAIN MARVEL IS UNAWARE OF THE THUG'S ABILITY TO *ABSORB KINETIC ENERGY!*

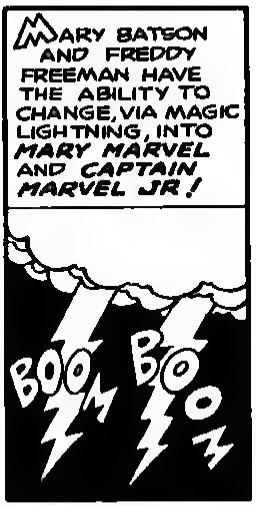





NOW I KNOW THE PROF'S STUFF WORKS / THE MORE PUNISHMENT I TAKE, THE STRONGER I GET / I CAN SOAK UP ENERGY LIKE A SPONGE / SO FROM NOW ON, CALL ME.... MR. POWER !

MEANWHILE...
TIME FOR THE MARVEL FAMILY ROUND TABLE PROGRAM REHEARSAL AT STATION WHIZ / I'LL PRESENT THIS PROBLEM TO MARY AND JUNIOR !
WHIZ

AT STATION WHIZ, MARY BATSON AND FREDDY FREEMAN ARE WAITING....
JUST IN TIME ! OKAY, KIDS, SAY THE WORDS....
SHAZAM !
CAPTAIN MARVEL !


MARY BATSON AND FREDDY FREEMAN HAVE THE ABILITY TO CHANGE, VIA MAGIC LIGHTNING, INTO MARY MARVEL AND CAPTAIN MARVEL JR !
BOOM
BOOM

AND THE FAMOUS MARVEL FAMILY GETS TOGETHER TO REHEARSE ITS FAMOUS PROGRAM !
I HAVE AN IMPORTANT CASE FOR TODAY / JUST A SHORT WHILE AGO, I MET A THUG I COULDN'T KNOCK OUT !
CAP ! YOU MUST BE JOKING !

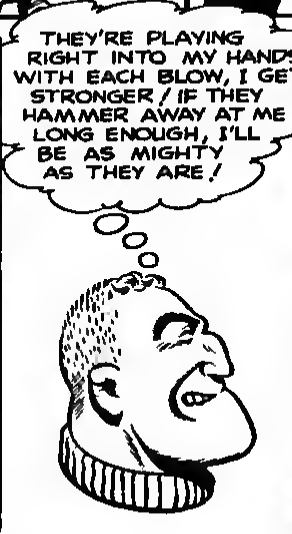
HE ISN'T JOKING ! I'M THE GUY HE MEANS / CALL ME MR. POWER / AND I'M BETTING THE WHOLE MARVEL FAMILY CAN'T LICK ME !

OH NO ? WE'LL SHOW YOU ! HERE HE COMES, MARY !
BIFF!

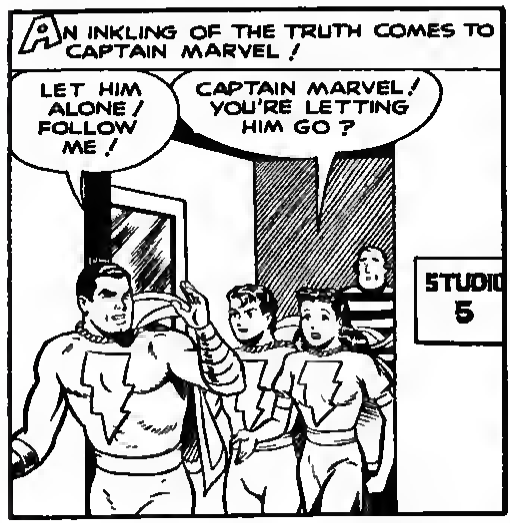
RIGHT OVER TO YOU, CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BAM!

WE ALL THREE GAVE HIM OUR SUNDAY PUNCHES! HE'S GOT TO BE OUT COLD NOW!
KABOOM!

AW C'MON! STOP PULLING YOUR PUNCHES, WILL YOU?
NO...NO! IT CAN'T BE!


THEY'RE PLAYING RIGHT INTO MY HANDS! WITH EACH BLOW, I GET STRONGER / IF THEY HAMMER AWAY AT ME LONG ENOUGH, I'LL BE AS MIGHTY AS THEY ARE!

DON'T STOP NOW! HIT ME SOME MORE! PLEASE!
WHY, I'LL....
NO! WAIT!


AN INKLING OF THE TRUTH COMES TO CAPTAIN MARVEL!
LET HIM ALONE! FOLLOW ME!
CAPTAIN MARVEL! YOU'RE LETTING HIM GO?
STUDIO 5

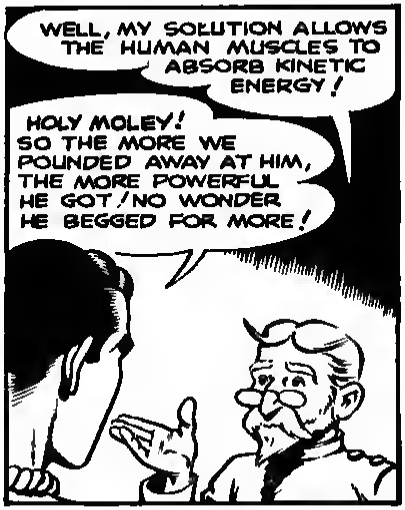
COWARDS! SCAREDY CATS! TURN AROUND AND FIGHT!
IGNORE HIM!

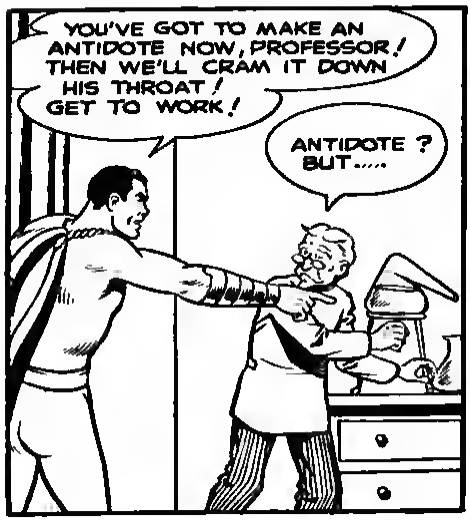
LOOK AT THIS! I'M THROWING A BRICK THROUGH A WINDOW!
COME ON! PRETEND YOU DIDN'T SEE IT!
CRASH!

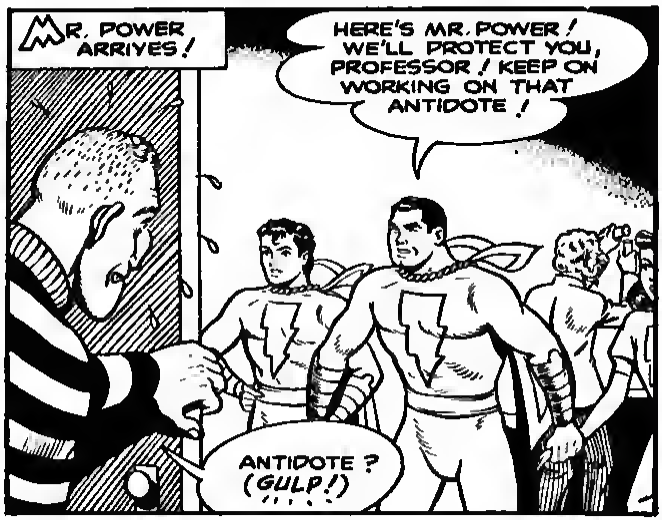
I KNOW YOU KIDS ARE PUZZLED! BUT WE CAN'T STOP MR. POWER! WE HAVE TO GET THE ANSWER TO THIS MYSTERY FROM PROFESSOR PHOGG! LET'S GO!

OH, OH! THE PROFESSOR WILL GIVE AWAY MY SECRET! I'VE GOT TO STOP HIM FROM TALKING!

PROFESSOR! HOW DOES THAT SOLUTION WORK THAT YOU MENTIONED TO BILLY BATSON?
EH? UH, THE MARVEL FAMILY!


WELL, MY SOLUTION ALLOWS THE HUMAN MUSCLES TO ABSORB KINETIC ENERGY!
HOLY MOLEY! SO THE MORE WE POUNDED AWAY AT HIM, THE MORE POWERFUL HE GOT! NO WONDER HE BEGGED FOR MORE!

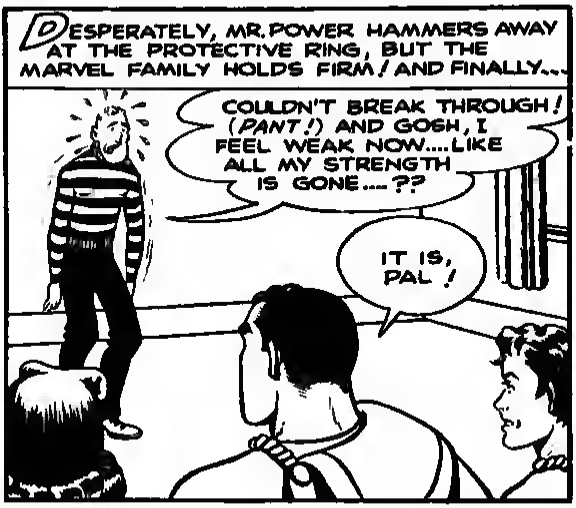

YOU'VE GOT TO MAKE AN ANTIDOTE NOW, PROFESSOR! THEN WE'LL CRAM IT DOWN HIS THROAT! GET TO WORK!
ANTIDOTE? BUT.....


MR. POWER ARRIVES!
HERE'S MR. POWER! WE'LL PROTECT YOU, PROFESSOR! KEEP ON WORKING ON THAT ANTIDOTE!
ANTIDOTE? (GULP!)

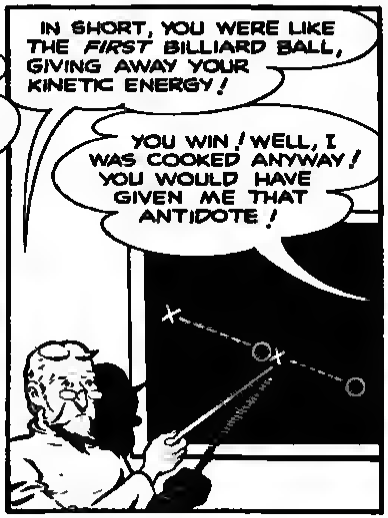
I CAN'T LET HIM MAKE AN ANTIDOTE! GOTTA BREAK THIS UP!
SPLAT

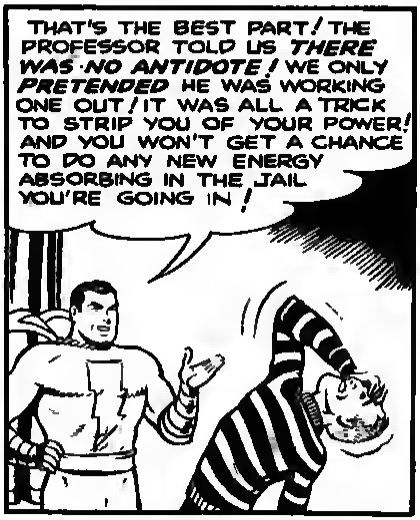
CAPTAIN MARVEL'S TOO TOUGH! I'LL TRY THE BOY!
KABAM!

THE GIRL! MAYBE SHE'S THE WEAK LINK!
AM I?
WHAMMO!


DESPERATELY, MR. POWER HAMMERS AWAY AT THE PROTECTIVE RING, BUT THE MARVEL FAMILY HOLDS FIRM! AND FINALLY...
COULDN'T BREAK THROUGH! (PANT!) AND GOSH, I FEEL WEAK NOW....LIKE ALL MY STRENGTH IS GONE....??
IT IS, PAL!

YOU SEE, BEFORE WE WERE HAMMERING YOU AND GIVING YOU ENERGY! BUT IT WAS THE REVERSE HERE! YOU WERE HAMMERING AT US AND GIVING ALL YOUR ENERGY AWAY!

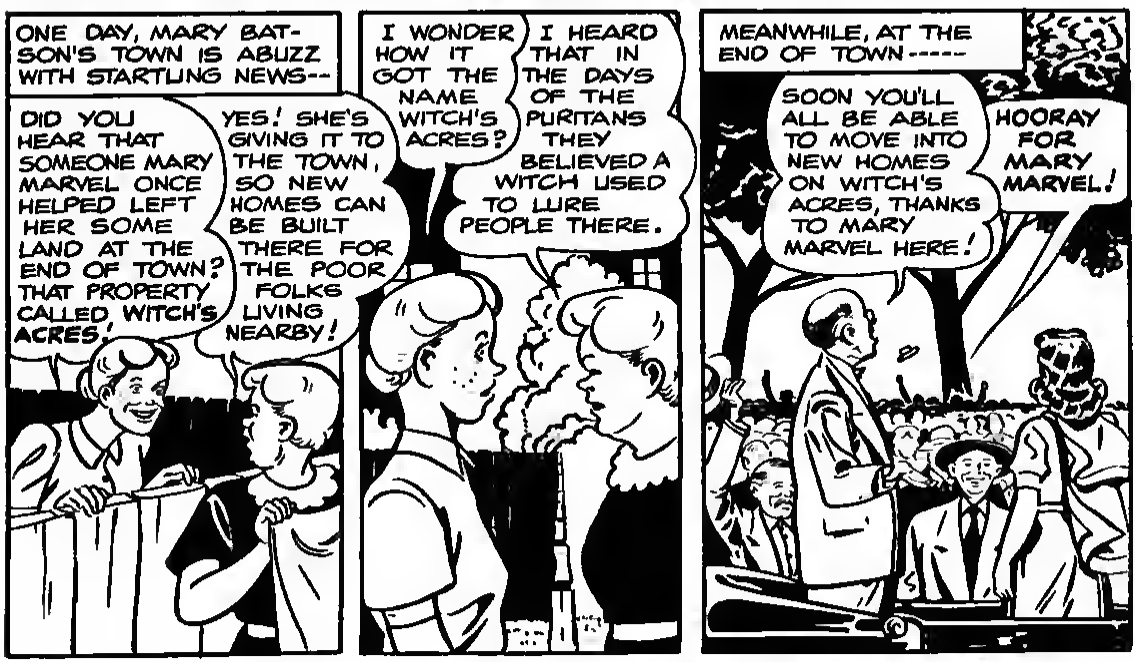

IN SHORT, YOU WERE LIKE THE FIRST BILLIARD BALL, GIVING AWAY YOUR KINETIC ENERGY!
YOU WIN! WELL, I WAS COOKED ANYWAY! YOU WOULD HAVE GIVEN ME THAT ANTIDOTE!


THAT'S THE BEST PART! THE PROFESSOR TOLD US THERE WAS NO ANTIDOTE! WE ONLY PRETENDED HE WAS WORKING ONE OUT! IT WAS ALL A TRICK TO STRIP YOU OF YOUR POWER! AND YOU WON'T GET A CHANCE TO DO ANY NEW ENERGY ABSORBING IN THE JAIL YOU'RE GOING IN!

MARY MARVEL

The Story of Witch's Acres

IT SEEMS HARD TO BELIEVE THAT WITCHES EXIST TODAY AND HARDER YET TO BELIEVE THAT MARY MARVEL IS ONE! AND YET---THIS IS A STRANGE WORLD!



TURNING THIS LAND OVER TO THE TOWN FOR THE USE OF THESE POOR PEOPLE WAS VERY NOBLE OF YOU, MARY MARVEL!
IT WASN'T ANYTHING, MR. MAYOR! AS SOON AS THE NEW HOUSES ARE COMPLETED, I'LL FORMALLY TURN THE DEED TO THE PROPERTY OVER TO YOU!
BUT JUST THEN....
PARDON ME, MAYOR! SOMEONE'S CALLING ME! WHY, IT'S COUNSELLOR CRANK, THE LAWYER!
PSSST! MARY MARVEL! MIND STEPPING OVER HERE! MY PARTNERS AND I WANT TO TALK TO YOU!
WE'LL BUY THAT PROPERTY FROM YOU FOR ITS FACE VALUE! AFTER ALL, YOU DON'T WANT TO WASTE IT BY GIVING IT AWAY!
OF COURSE NOT!
I WILL NOT SELL IT TO YOU! THOSE FAMILIES NEED NEW HOMES! YOU'RE JUST A MONEY-HUNGRY, SELFISH PROFITEER, CRANK!
YOU WON'T SELL, EH?
NO! I DON'T WANT ANY DEALINGS WITH YOU, COUNSELLOR CRANK! I KNOW YOUR KIND!
YOU'LL BE SORRY! COME ON, LET'S GO!
YA GOT A PLAN TA MAKE HER SELL, COUNSELLOR?
I'LL SAY! SHE'LL WISH SHE NEVER TANGLED WITH COUNSELOR CRANK!
SO, THE NEXT DAY, WHEN MARY MARVEL GOES TO SEE IF CONSTRUCTION HAS BEGUN AT WITCH'S ACRES...
GOLLY! WHAT'S THE CROWD FOR?

WHY, MR. MAYOR! WHAT'S THE TROUBLE?
MARY MARVEL-----I'M GLAD YOU'RE HERE! THESE FOLKS SAY THEY WON'T LIVE ON WITCH'S ACRES!

NOT LIVE ON WITCH'S ACRES? WHY NOT? DON'T THEY WANT NEW HOMES?
THEY SAY THE OLD LEGEND ABOUT ITS BEING A WITCH'S PLACE IS TRUE!

BUT THAT'S JUST AN OLD STORY! A PURITAN LEGEND!
IT'S MORE'N THAT! IT'S TRUE! LAST NIGHT WE SAW A WITCH FLYING OVER THE LAND!
HE'S RIGHT! AND MY FAMILY SAW HER WHIZZING ON HER BROOM-STICK!

WE ALL SAW THE WITCH!
AND NONE OF US IS GOIN' TO LIVE WITH WITCHES!
IT SOUNDS PER-FECTLY SILLY, BUT I'LL STAY HERE TONIGHT AND WATCH FOR THAT WITCH MYSELF! I WANT TO SEE WHAT IT WAS YOU FOLKS SAW!

AND THAT NIGHT AT WITCH'S ACRES.....
I WONDER WHAT THE FOLKS SAW THAT RE-SEMBLED A WITCH?

BUT SUDDENLY, ACROSS THE NIGHT SKY--
EVERYBODY KNOWS IT'S SILLY TO... HOLY MOLEY! A WITCH!

I CAN'T BELIEVE MY EYES, BUT THAT CERTAINLY LOOKS LIKE A WITCH! I'VE GOT TO GET A CLOSER LOOK!

BUT WHEN MARY REACHES THE SPOT WHERE SHE SAW THE WITCH....
THERE ISN'T A TRACE OF THAT WITCH ANYWHERE! I LOST HER IN THE DARK!

THERE'S NOTHING TO DO BUT WAIT TILL TOMORROW NIGHT! I'LL ASK THE PEOPLE TO BE PATIENT AND GIVE ME TIME TO INVESTIGATE THIS!

AND SO THE NEXT DAY....
YOU SAW THE WITCH YOURSELF LAST NIGHT! NOW WHAT HAVE YOU GOT TO SAY?
I STILL DON'T BELIEVE IN WITCHES! I'M SURE THERE'S SOME LOGICAL EXPLANATION!

JUST GIVE ME TIME TO PROVE THERE IS NO SUCH THING AS A WITCH! THEN YOU'LL AGREE TO LIVE IN THE HOMES THAT WILL BE BUILT HERE!

BUT JUST THEN----
WAIT, FRIENDS! DON'T LISTEN TO HER! I KNOW WHY SHE WANTS YOU GOOD PEOPLE TO MOVE ONTO WITCH'S ACRES!
WHY?

SHE WANTS YOU TO MOVE TO WITCH'S ACRES BECAUSE SHE'S A WITCH!
WHAT?

I'M NO WITCH! WHAT ARE YOU TRYING TO DO, CRANK?
PAY NO ATTENTION TO HER, FOLKS! LOOK, I'VE SOME OLD, OLD PAPERS HERE! ONE IS CALLED--RULES FOR TELLING A WITCH!

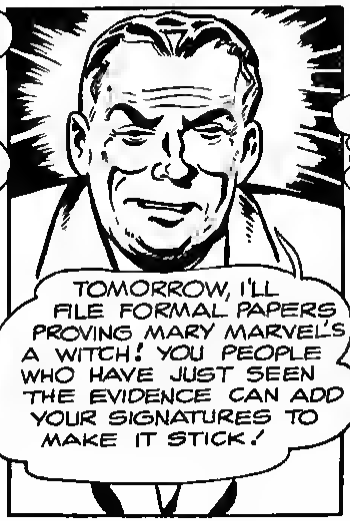
A WITCH IS THE ONLY HUMAN WHO CAN FLY BY HERSELF!

YOU FLY, DON'T YOU? ADMIT IT! WE ALL KNOW IT!
WHY, YES... BUT-BUT...

A WITCH IS ONE WHO CAN CAST A SPELL UPON HERSELF SO SHE'S IMMUNE TO INJURY!

SHOW THEM!
SWOOOSH

SEE! SHE'S COMPLETELY UNHARMED! ONLY A WITCH COULD DO THAT!
GOLLY! NOT A MARK ON HER!
SO MARY MARVEL'S A WITCH!


TOMORROW, I'LL FILE FORMAL PAPERS PROVING MARY MARVEL'S A WITCH! YOU PEOPLE WHO HAVE JUST SEEN THE EVIDENCE CAN ADD YOUR SIGNATURES TO MAKE IT STICK!

CRANK'S USED MY SHAZAM POWERS TO HELP CONVINCE THE PEOPLE I'M A WITCH! I CAN'T TALK THEM OUT OF IT NOW! I'VE GOT TO GET TO THE BOTTOM OF THIS BY TOMORROW!

AND SO THAT NIGHT, MARY WAITS AND WATCHES OVER WITCH'S ACRES!
CRANK'S BEHIND THAT WITCH I SAW! I'M CERTAIN OF IT! TONIGHT I'M READY FOR IT! I WON'T LOSE IT AGAIN!
AND THEN SUDDENLY....
THERE'S THE WITCH AGAIN!
AND THERE IT GOES.... HEADING DOWN BEHIND THOSE TREES!
AH, COUNSELLOR CRANK! I FIGURED YOU'D POP UP SOON!
ULP! IT'S M-MARY M-MARVEL!
GRAB HER--- OWOOOO!
IT SEEMS YOU'RE PRETTY FRIENDLY WITH WITCHES, COUNSELLOR CRANK!
SMASH
YEEEOOW!
TOO BAD I DIDN'T BRING MY BROOMSTICK WITH ME! MY FIST WILL HAVE TO DO!
BONG
AND HERE'S THE WITCH HERSELF! IT'S JUST A BIG KITE CUT IN THE SHAPE OF A WITCH! AT NIGHT IT LOOKED REAL ENOUGH!

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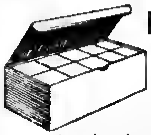

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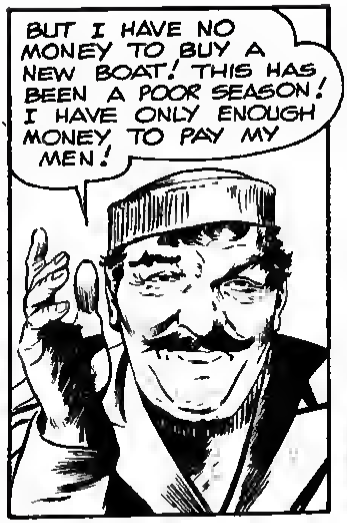
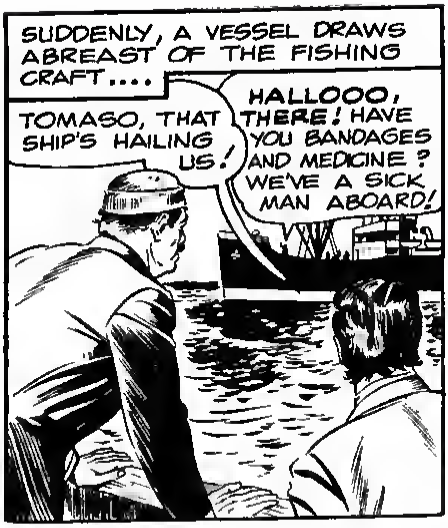
I'M AFRAID THIS OLD BOAT OF MINE WILL NOT HOLD TOGETHER MUCH LONGER! I WORRY EVERYTIME WE PUT TO SEA IN HER!


BUT I HAVE NO MONEY TO BUY A NEW BOAT! THIS HAS BEEN A POOR SEASON! I HAVE ONLY ENOUGH MONEY TO PAY MY MEN!


SUDDENLY, A VESSEL DRAWS ABREAST OF THE FISHING CRAFT....
TOMASO, THAT SHIP'S HAILING US!
HALLOOO, THERE! HAVE YOU BANDAGES AND MEDICINE? WE'VE A SICK MAN ABOARD!

YES! WE'VE SOME EXTRA MEDICAL SUPPLIES! COME AND GET THEM!
THEY'RE SENDING A BOAT OVER!

MOMENTS LATER...
I'M CAPTAIN SNIDE...

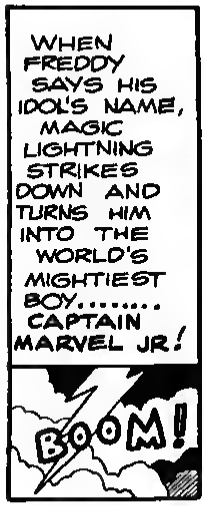
...AND WE'RE TAKIN' OVER! GET 'EM, MEN!
CRACK
POW
UUUUH!

FREDDY FREEMAN IS TAKEN BY SURPRISE, AS ARE THE OTHERS!
BONK
UGH!

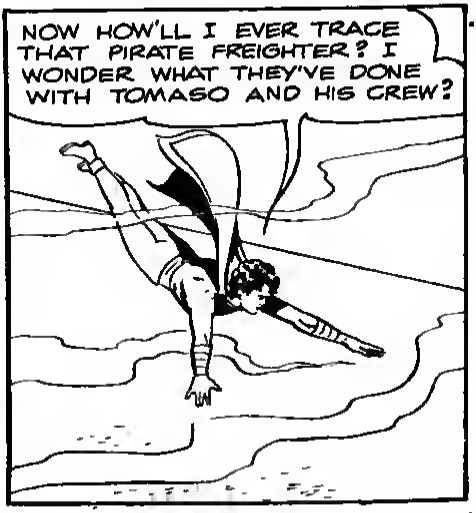
TAKE 'EM ALL EXCEPT THIS ONE! HE'D BE NO GOOD TO US! WE'LL SCUTTLE THE SHIP AND HE'LL GO DOWN WITH IT!

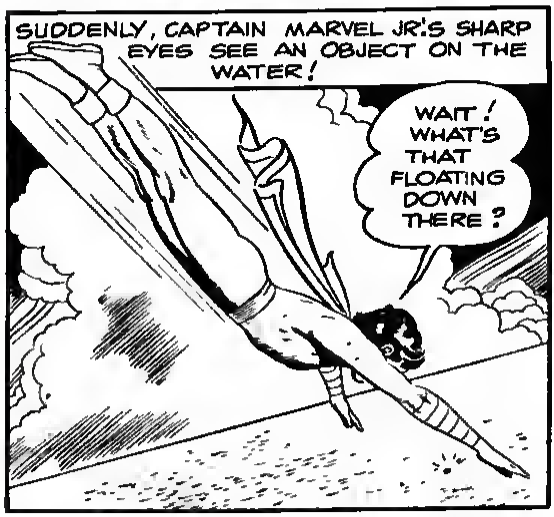
AND SO, LATER, FREDDY IS WAKENED BY THE SEAWATER LAPPING AT HIS FACE ---
OOOH... MY-MY HEAD! WHA--WHAT HAPPENED?

OH, I REMEMBER----AND I'D BETTER SAY CAPTAIN MARVEL!


WHEN FREDDY SAYS HIS IDOL'S NAME, MAGIC LIGHTNING STRIKES DOWN AND TURNS HIM INTO THE WORLD'S MIGHTIEST BOY..... CAPTAIN MARVEL JR!
BOOM!

THERE GOES TOMASO'S BOAT! I JUST GOT AWAY IN TIME!


NOW HOW'LL I EVER TRACE THAT PIRATE FREIGHTER? I WONDER WHAT THEY'VE DONE WITH TOMASO AND HIS CREW?


SUDDENLY, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR.'S SHARP EYES SEE AN OBJECT ON THE WATER!
WAIT! WHAT'S THAT FLOATING DOWN THERE?

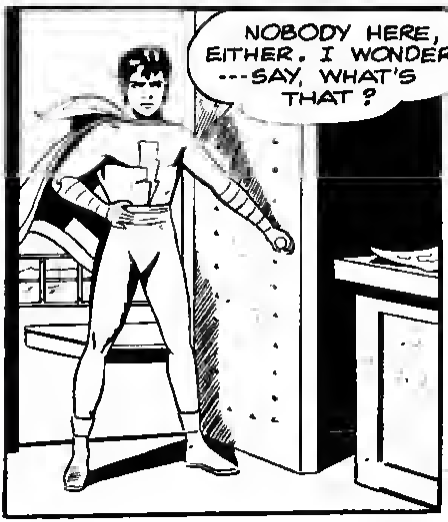
IT'S ONE OF THOSE CORKS FISHERMEN ATTACH TO THEIR NETS TO MARK THEIR LOCATION!

AND THERE'S ANOTHER CORK UP AHEAD!

AND THERE ARE MORE CORKS! TOMASO MUST HAVE TOSSED THESE CORKS IN THE WATER TO LEAVE A TRAIL! I'LL FOLLOW THEM!

FOLLOWING THE TRAIL OF THE CORKS, CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. FINALLY COMES TO AN UNCHARTED ISLAND ---
THERE'S THE PIRATE-FREIGHTER! I'LL COME IN FROM THE SIDE AND TAKE THEM BY SURPRISE!

STRANGE! THE SHIP SEEMS EMPTY! THERE'S NOT A SOUL AROUND! I'LL TAKE A LOOK IN THE CAPTAIN'S CABIN!


NOBODY HERE, EITHER. I WONDER ---SAY, WHAT'S THAT?

THIS PARCHMENT MUST BE HUNDREDS OF YEARS OLD. IT'S A MAP WITH THIS ISLAND MARKED ON IT! HMMM.....

BENEATH THE SANDS OF THIS ISLAND LIES THE TREASURE CHEST OF MORGAN THE PIRATE! RICHES AWAIT THE ONE WHO CAN UNCOVER IT!

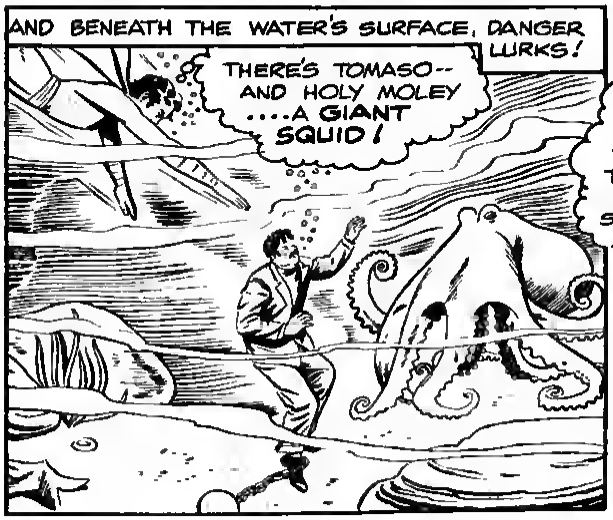
NOW I KNOW WHERE EVERY-ONE IS....ON THE ISLAND, SEARCHING FOR THE TREASURE!

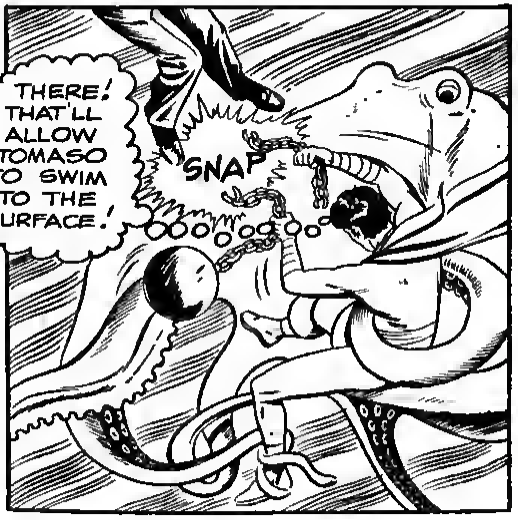
AND NEAR THE LAGOON...
FASTER! WE'VE THE WHOLE ISLAND TO DIG UP!
SNAP
OWOOO!

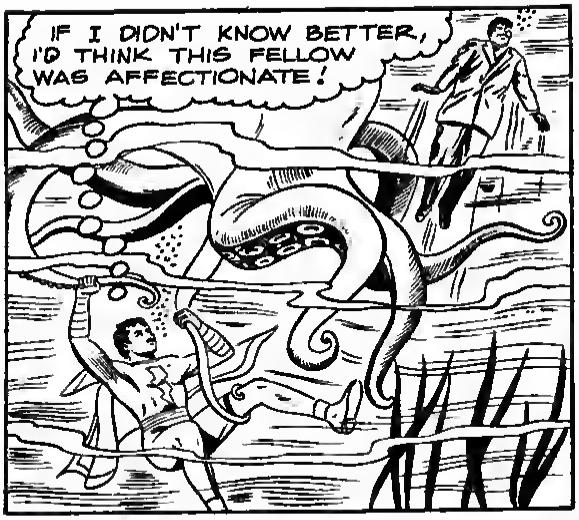
SUDDENLY...
MIND IF I JOIN THIS PARTY?
IT'S CAPTAIN MARVEL JR! H-HOW DID HE GET HERE?
POW!

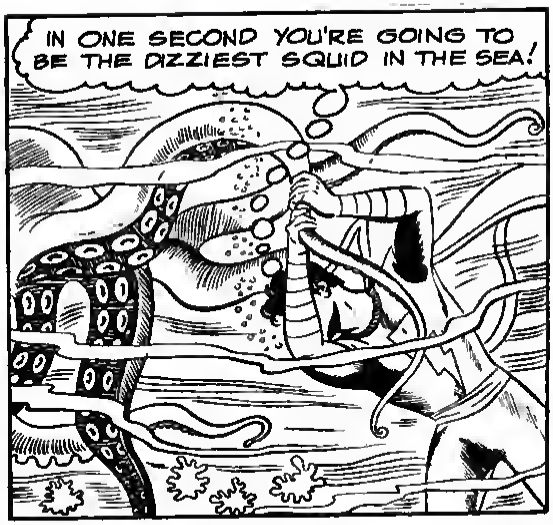
ONE SIDE! I WANT TO GET AT THE CAPTAIN!
MAYBE YOU'D BETTER SAVE HIM---THERE'S DEEP WATER HERE!

HOLY MOLEY! TOMASO WON'T HAVE A CHANCE UNDERWATER WITH THOSE ANKLE-IRONS ON!
THAT'LL KEEP HIM BUSY AND GIVE US TIME TO GET AWAY!


AND BENEATH THE WATER'S SURFACE, DANGER LURKS!
THERE'S TOMASO-- AND HOLY MOLEY ....A GIANT SQUID!

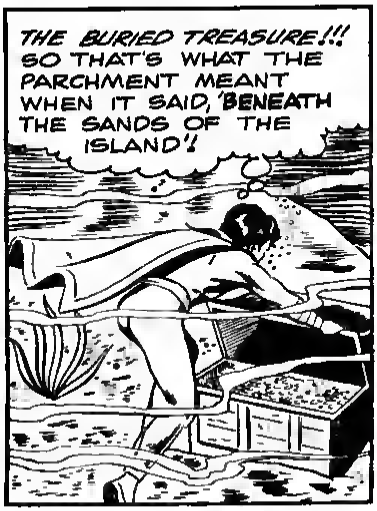

THERE! THAT'LL ALLOW TOMASO TO SWIM TO THE SURFACE!
SNAP


IF I DIDN'T KNOW BETTER, I'D THINK THIS FELLOW WAS AFFECTIONATE!


IN ONE SECOND YOU'RE GOING TO BE THE DIZZIEST SQUID IN THE SEA!

THERE! THAT'LL HOLD YOU FOR AWHILE!

GOLLY!---AN UNDER-SEA CAVE RIGHT BE-NEATH THE ISLAND AND---GREAT GUNS! THAT WOODEN CHEST .....I WONDER..?


THE BURIED TREASURE!!! SO THAT'S WHAT THE PARCHMENT MEANT WHEN IT SAID, 'BENEATH THE SANDS OF THE ISLAND'!

AND MOMENTS LATER, CAPTAIN SNIDE AND HIS MEN ARE ABOUT TO FLEE, WHEN ------
LOOK! HE'S BACK AND HE'S GOT THE TREASURE CHEST! LET'S GET HIM!
HE'S COMING THIS WAY WITH IT!

IS THIS WHAT YOU BOYS WERE LOOKING FOR?
FOOL! NOW WE'LL GET YOU! C'MON! EVERYBODY AT HIM AT ONCE!

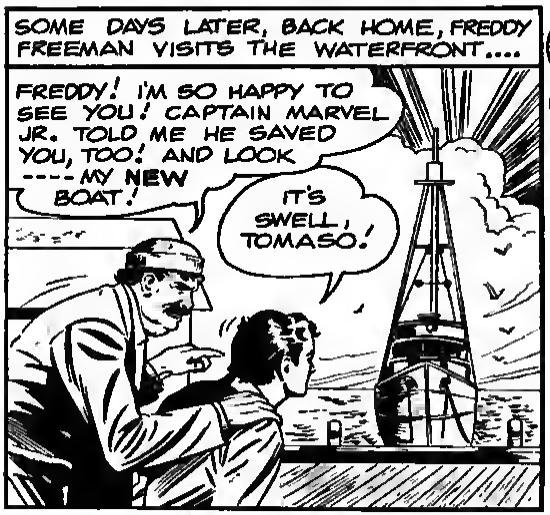
THAT'S IT! GET HIM!

THIS IS WHERE YOU GET OFF!
SPLAT!

AND I'VE A SPECIAL PLACE FOR YOU!
OWOO!
BOP!

THEY WANTED SLAVES, TO DIG UP THIS ISLAND FOR THEM TO UNCOVER THE BURIED TREASURE!
AND THEY PROBABLY INTENDED TO SHANGHAI MORE SLAVES IF THEY NEEDED THEM! BUT NOW WE HAVE THE TREASURE! LET'S HAVE A GOOD LOOK AT IT!

IT IS JUST A CHEST OF OLD COINS! THEY CAN'T BE WORTH MUCH! NO JEWELS OR REAL WEALTH AT ALL! I--I HOPED I COULD BUY A NEW BOAT.
I'M SORRY, TOMASO! BUT MAYBE THIS TREASURE CAN COME IN HANDY! FIRST, LET'S SAIL SNIDE AND HIS MEN BACK TO PRISON!


SOME DAYS LATER, BACK HOME, FREDDY FREEMAN VISITS THE WATERFRONT....
FREDDY! I'M SO HAPPY TO SEE YOU! CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. TOLD ME HE SAVED YOU, TOO! AND LOOK ----MY NEW BOAT!
IT'S SWELL, TOMASO!

CAPTAIN MARVEL JR. GOT IT FOR ME! HE SOLD THOSE OLD COINS TO COLLECTORS AND GOT ENOUGH MONEY TO BUY ME THIS NEW BOAT!
THAT'S WONDERFUL, TOMASO!

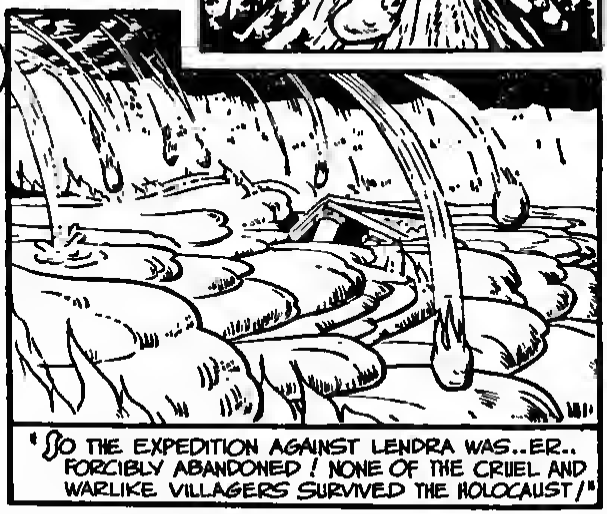
Captain MARVEL AND THE VOLCANO MEN!

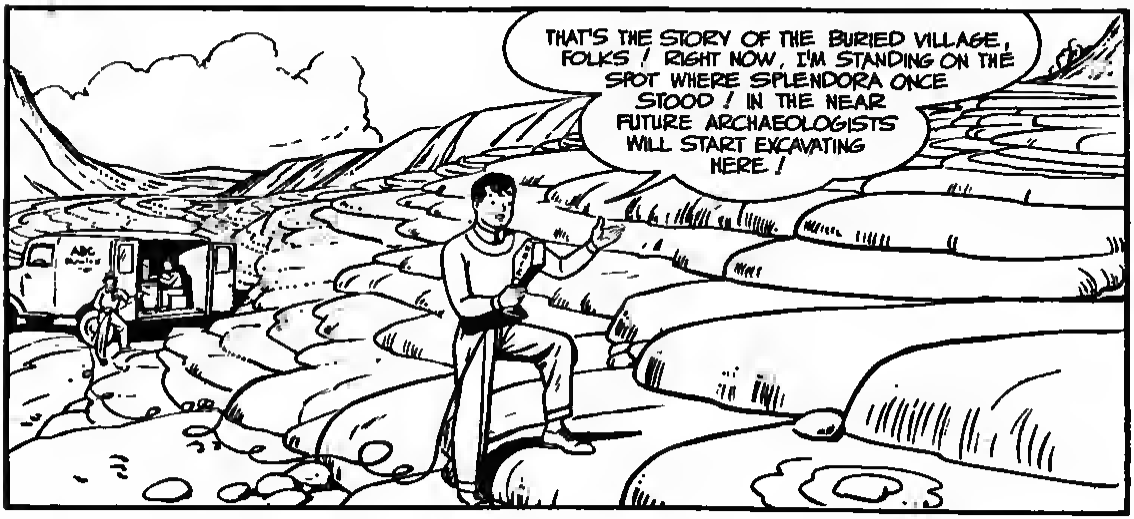
THE VILLAGE OF LENDRA HAS FINE STONE QUARRIES ! THEY SHALL BELONG TO US ! FOR THE SPOILS OF WAR BELONG TO THE VICTORS !

OUR MOTTO IS : DESTROY ! LET NO ONE IN LENDRA REMAIN ALIVE !
HEAR, HEAR !

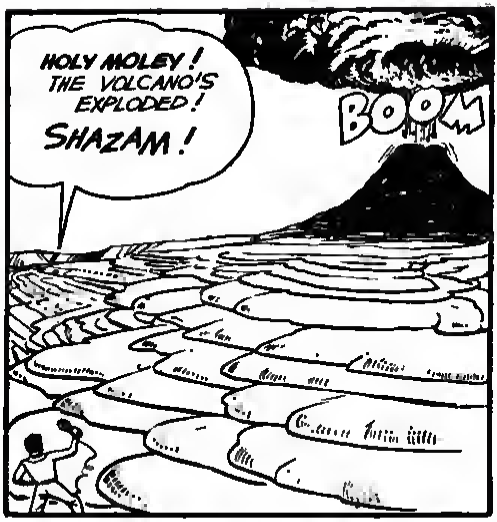
"AND THEN.....
BOOOOM

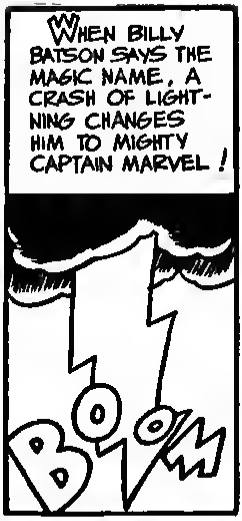
AIEEEE !
THE VOLCANO!
IT RAINS DEATH !

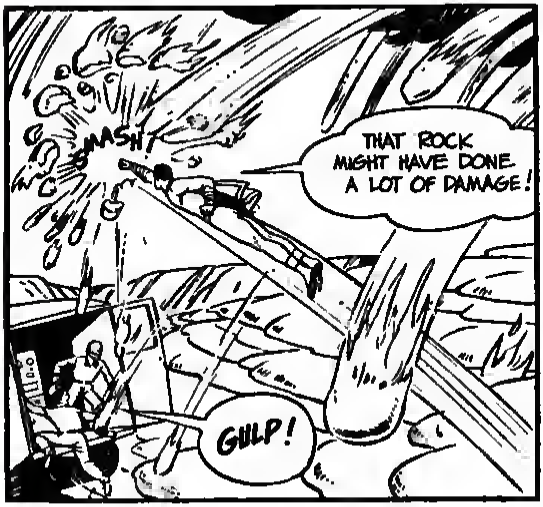

"SO THE EXPEDITION AGAINST LENDRA WAS..ER.. FORCIBLY ABANDONED ! NONE OF THE CRUEL AND WARLIKE VILLAGERS SURVIVED THE HOLOCAUST/"

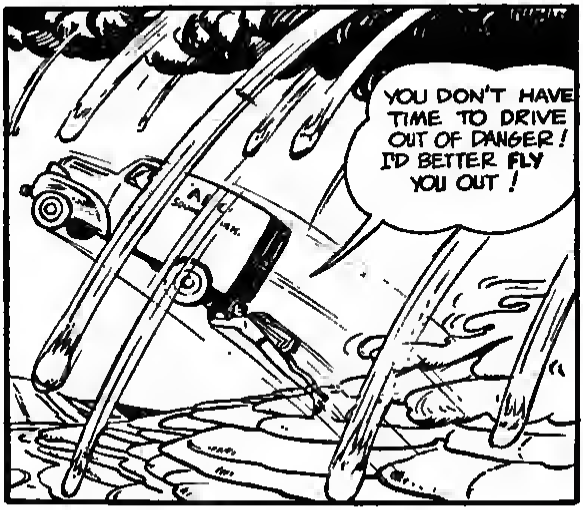

THAT'S THE STORY OF THE BURIED VILLAGE, FOLKS ! RIGHT NOW, I'M STANDING ON THE SPOT WHERE SPLENDORA ONCE STOOD ! IN THE NEAR FUTURE ARCHAEOLOGISTS WILL START EXCAVATING HERE !

THEY EXPECT TO FIND THE VILLAGE AND PEOPLE OF SPLENDORA PERFECTLY PRESERVED, JUST AS THEY FOUND THE INHABITANTS OF POMPEII WHEN...
RUMBLE
RUMBLE

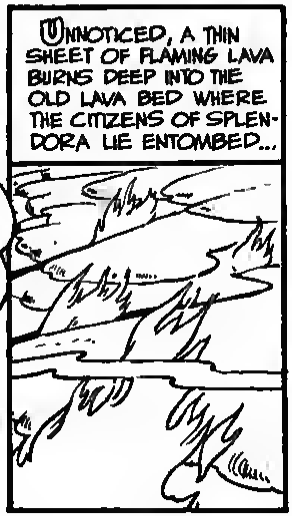

HOLY MOLEY! THE VOLCANO'S EXPLODED!
SHAZAM!
BOOM


WHEN BILLY BATSON SAYS THE MAGIC NAME, A CRASH OF LIGHTNING CHANGES HIM TO MIGHTY CAPTAIN MARVEL!
BOOM


MASH!
THAT ROCK MIGHT HAVE DONE A LOT OF DAMAGE!
GULP!

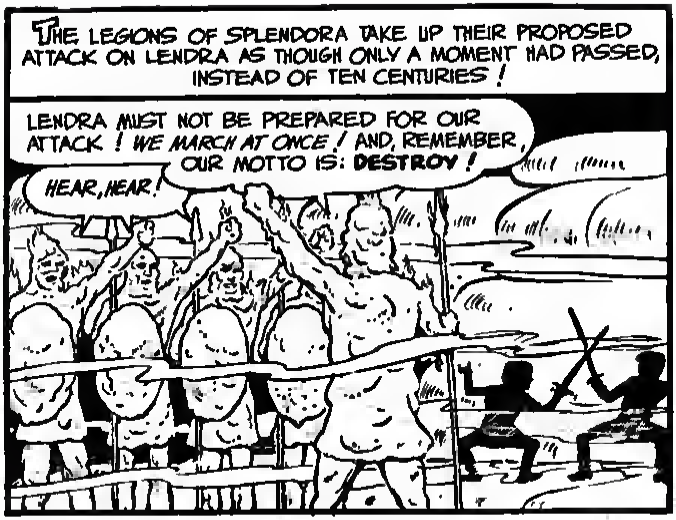

YOU DON'T HAVE TIME TO DRIVE OUT OF DANGER! I'D BETTER FLY YOU OUT!

HURTLING IN AND OUT OF THE DEADLY STORM OF ROCK, CAPTAIN MARVEL FLIES THE TRUCK TO SAFETY!
IT'S A MIRACLE! NO ONE BUT CAPTAIN MARVEL COULD HAVE DONE IT!


UNNOTICED, A THIN SHEET OF FLAMING LAVA BURNS DEEP INTO THE OLD LAVA BED WHERE THE CITIZENS OF SPLENDORA LIE ENTOMBED...

... AND THE TREMENDOUS HEAT RELEASES THEM FROM THEIR ANCIENT STONY GRAVE.... ALIVE, BUT IN A STRANGE NEW FORM!
UGGH! I'M STICKY WITH THIS LAVA!
IT'LL NEVER COME OFF! I FEEL AS IF IT'S SOAKED THROUGH MY BODY!

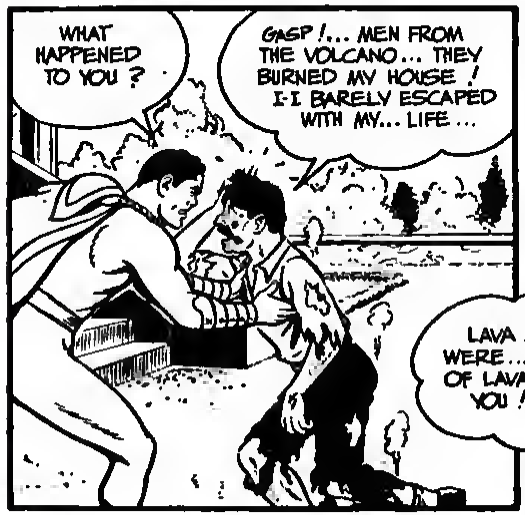
LET THIS BE PROOF THAT NOTHING CAN STOP THE LEGIONS OF SPLENDORA ! NOT EVEN VOLCANIC ERUPTIONS ! BUT WE'VE BEEN DELAYED LONG ENOUGH !

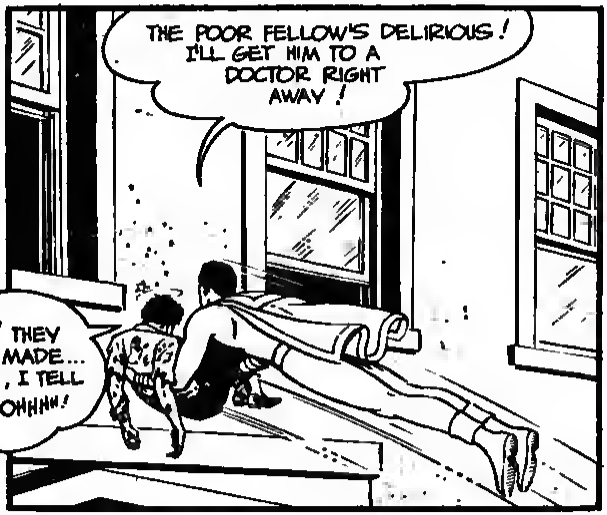

THE LEGIONS OF SPLENDORA TAKE UP THEIR PROPOSED ATTACK ON LENDRA AS THOUGH ONLY A MOMENT HAD PASSED, INSTEAD OF TEN CENTURIES !
LENDRA MUST NOT BE PREPARED FOR OUR ATTACK ! WE MARCH AT ONCE ! AND, REMEMBER, OUR MOTTO IS: DESTROY !
HEAR, HEAR !

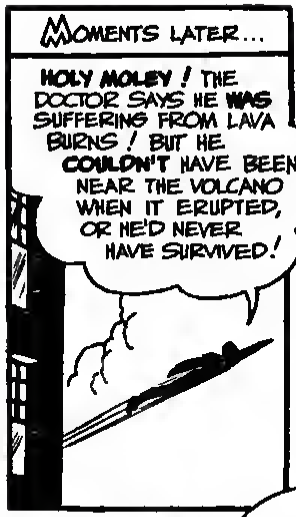
LATER...
HE'LL BE ALL RIGHT ! JUST A SLIGHT BURN FROM THE FLAMING LAVA !
THEN I'LL BE LEADING, DOCTOR !

I GUESS THE SPLENDORA EXCAVATION WILL HAVE TO BE POSTPONED ! THIS LATEST ERUPTION WILL MAKE IT IMPOSSIBLE FOR HUMAN BEINGS TO APPROACH THE VOLCANO FOR SOME TIME TO COME !

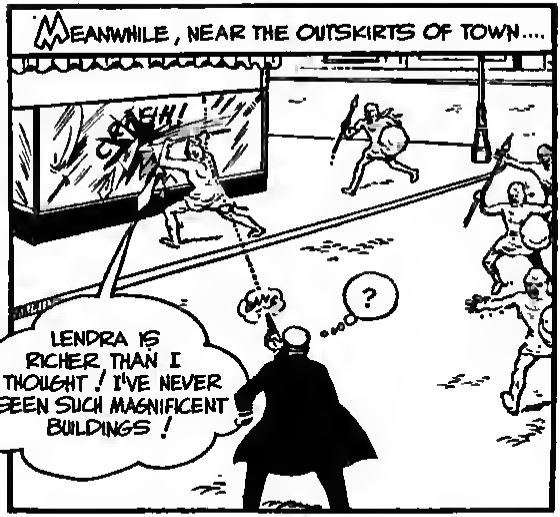
HAVE MERCY ! HELP !
HOLY MOLEY !


WHAT HAPPENED TO YOU ?
GASP !... MEN FROM THE VOLCANO... THEY BURNED MY HOUSE ! I-I BARELY ESCAPED WITH MY... LIFE...


THE POOR FELLOW'S DELIRIOUS ! I'LL GET HIM TO A DOCTOR RIGHT AWAY !
LAVA ! THEY WERE... MADE... OF LAVA, I TELL YOU ! OHHHH !


MOMENTS LATER...
HOLY MOLEY! THE DOCTOR SAYS HE WAS SUFFERING FROM LAVA BURNS! BUT HE COULDN'T HAVE BEEN NEAR THE VOLCANO WHEN IT ERUPTED, OR HE'D NEVER HAVE SURVIVED!

HE GAVE ME HIS ADDRESS! I'LL CHECK ON HIS STORY IMMEDIATELY!


MEANWHILE, NEAR THE OUTSKIRTS OF TOWN....
LENDRA IS RICHER THAN I THOUGHT! I'VE NEVER SEEN SUCH MAGNIFICENT BUILDINGS!
?

BUT THIS CURSED LAVA MAKES IT HARD TO STEAL ANYTHING! EVERY OBJECT GOES UP IN FLAMES AS SOON AS I TOUCH IT!
BANG
BANG

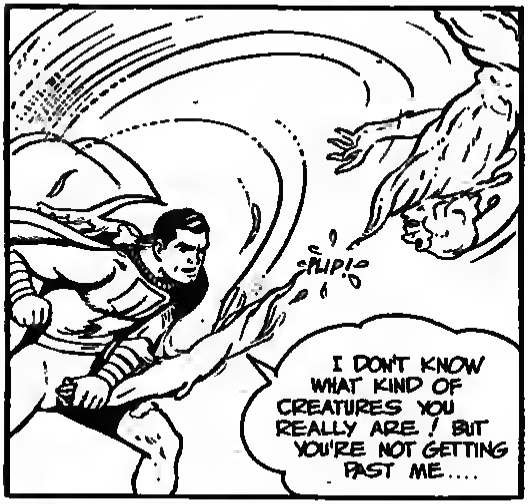
BUT IT DOESN'T MATTER! THE STONE QUARRIES ARE OUR REAL OBJECTIVE! THESE FOOLS CANNOT DEFEND THE QUARRIES AGAINST US!
YAGH!

FORWARD! TO THE STONE QUARRIES!
YOU BOYS THINK YOU'RE NOT STUFF!

BUT I'LL KNOCK YOU RIGHT OUT OF THAT PHONY DISGUISE!
?
WHOP!

GULP! IT ISN'T A DISGUISE! THEY'RE REALLY MADE OUT OF LAVA!

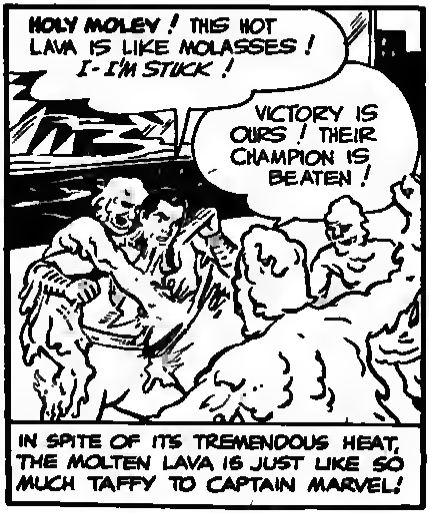
HE-HE'S PUTTING HIS HEAD BACK ON!


FLIP!
I DON'T KNOW WHAT KIND OF CREATURES YOU REALLY ARE! BUT YOU'RE NOT GETTING PAST ME....

I-I PULLED OFF HIS ARM! I'LL NEVER FORGIVE MYSELF!
OH, WELL, I CAN ALWAYS MOULD ANOTHER!

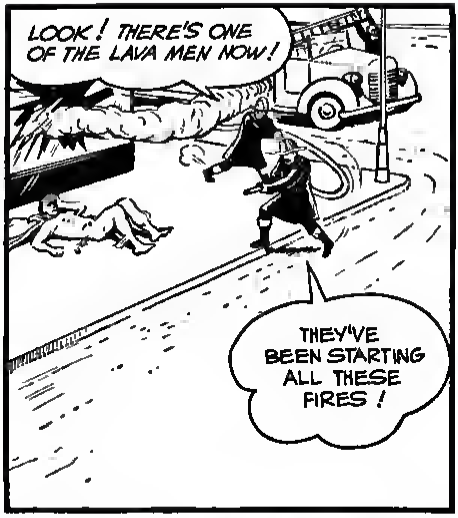
HE CAN'T HURT US! DESTROY HIM!

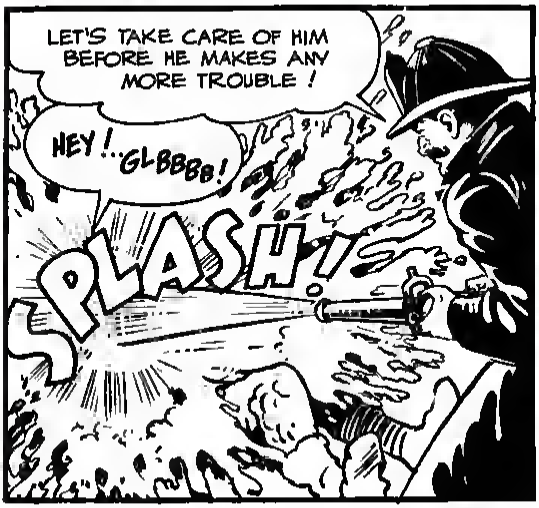
UGH! YOU'RE A STICKY MESS, AREN'T YOU?


HOLY MOLEY! THIS HOT LAVA IS LIKE MOLASSES! I-I'M STUCK!
VICTORY IS OURS! THEIR CHAMPION IS BEATEN!
IN SPITE OF ITS TREMENDOUS HEAT, THE MOLTEN LAVA IS JUST LIKE SO MUCH TAFFY TO CAPTAIN MARVEL!

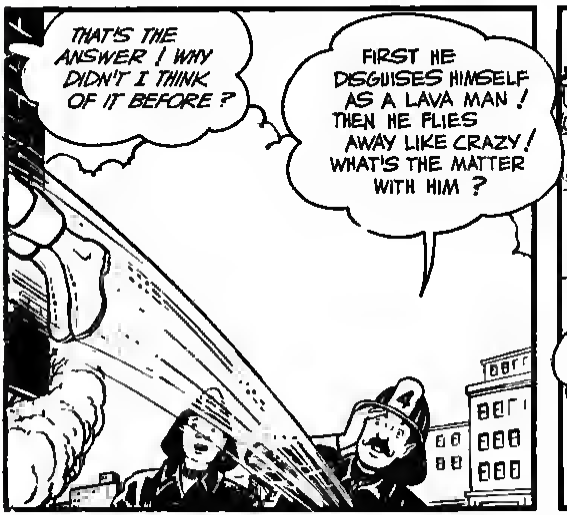
ON TO THE QUARRIES !
HOLY MOLEY !

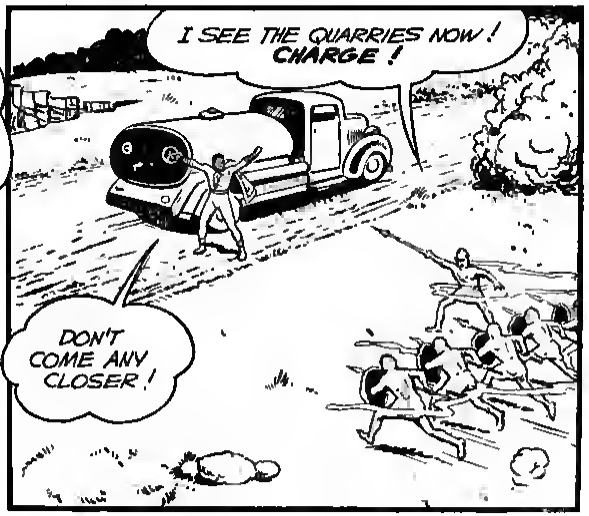
HOW DID I EVER GET INTO THIS ?
CLANG
CLANG

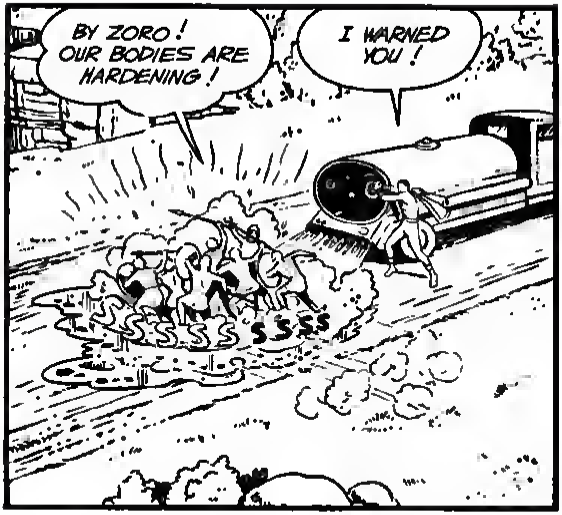

LOOK ! THERE'S ONE OF THE LAVA MEN NOW !
THEY'VE BEEN STARTING ALL THESE FIRES !

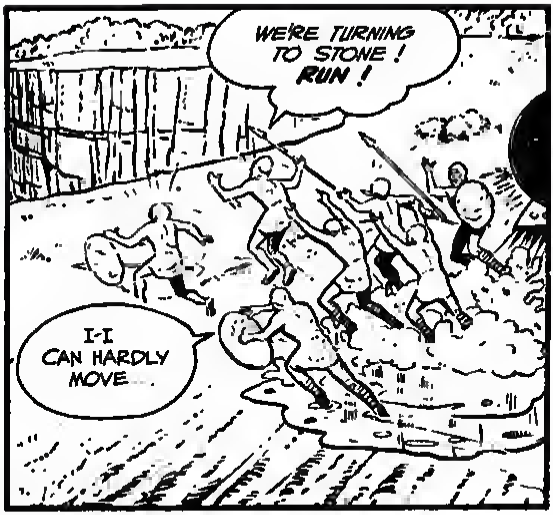

LET'S TAKE CARE OF HIM BEFORE HE MAKES ANY MORE TROUBLE !
HEY ! GLBBBB !
SPLASH !

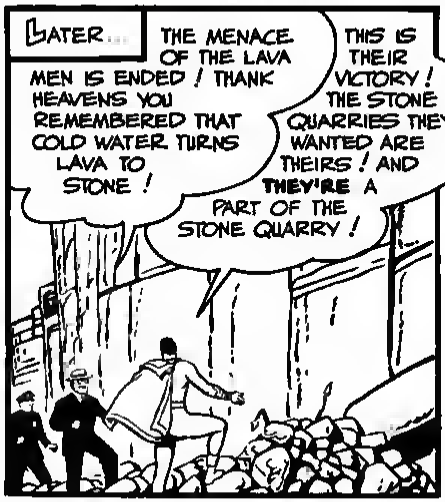
IT'S ME --- CAPTAIN MARVEL ! DON'T.. SAY !
?
SNAP
POP
CRACK


THAT'S THE ANSWER ! WHY DIDN'T I THINK OF IT BEFORE ?
FIRST HE DISGUISES HIMSELF AS A LAVA MAN ! THEN HE FLIES AWAY LIKE CRAZY ! WHAT'S THE MATTER WITH HIM ?


I SEE THE QUARRIES NOW ! CHARGE !
DON'T COME ANY CLOSER !







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